

REMARKS

The amendments submitted herein are believed to place the claims in better form for examination. In addition, claim 12 has been amended to remove its former multiple dependency.

Applicants do not believe that any fee for additional claims is due. Their previously submitted Form PTO-1390 authorized payment for a total of 40 claims, of which 6 claims were independent, and that is the number of claims pending after entry of the first preliminary amendment. That number of claims has not been changed by the present amendment. However, if there is a perceived fee deficiency, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3220 in the correct amount.

Should there be any issues to be discussed in connection with this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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